



# Colorado Crop Progress

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**Agricultural Summary:** For the second consecutive week, moisture was received late in the week across most of Colorado. Temperatures were reported below average across the state with frost reported on the Eastern Plains and in the San Luis Valley of Colorado. Reports indicate only slight amounts of damage to winter wheat from the frost. Heavy wet snow accumulations were reported on the Eastern Plains and along the Front Range of Colorado. The early spring snow received in the Rocky Mountains will supplement lower than average snowpack levels which are needed for irrigation during the summer. Producers are beginning spring fieldwork but high moisture levels continue to slow planting in areas along the Front Range and eastern Colorado. The spring weather conditions allowed farmers 4.4 days in the field to begin fieldwork and other operations.

## TOP SOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	3	6	82	9
Last Week	3	7	81	9
Last Year	13	30	56	1

## SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	7	20	70	3
Last Week	5	19	73	3
Last Year	17	44	39	0

**Field Crops:** Winter wheat was at 6 percent pastured with 18 percent jointed last week. The crop was rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Spring barley was 46 percent seeded with 12 percent at or beyond the emerged stage by week's end. Spring wheat was 28 percent seeded last week with 5 percent of the crop at or beyond the emerged stage. Spring wheat was rated in mostly good condition. Producers continue to plant crops with dry onions at 62 percent planted, summer potatoes at 17 percent planted, corn at 3 percent planted, and sugarbeets at 26 percent planted by the end of the week.

## SMALL GRAIN CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 15, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Winter Wheat</b>					
This Week	2	3	18	40	37
Last Year	6	16	33	36	9
<b>Spring Wheat</b>					
This Week	0	15	20	45	20

**Pasture and Range:** Overall, pasture and range feed conditions have improved thanks to the precipitation received last week. Cool season grasses have emerged from dormancy and are progressing nicely.

**Livestock:** Death losses for cattle and sheep were average for the week. The wet weather conditions have especially been hard on new born livestock with high levels of illness being reported. Producers continue to feed supplements to help livestock restore conditioning lost from the extreme winter weather experienced on the Eastern Plains of Colorado.

## PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week ending April 15, 2007

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pasture & Range-2007	2	12	46	38	2
Prev. Year – 2006	10	22	47	21	0
5-Year Avg.	17	29	37	16	1

## SPRING 2007 CALVING AND LAMBING

	2007	5-Yr Avg.
Cows Calved since Jan 1	75	75
Ewes Lambed since Jan 1	74	72

## COLORADO CROP PROGRESS

Development Ratings for Week Ending April 15, 2007

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Yr Avg.
<b>Winter Wheat</b>				
Pastured	6	8	N/A	N/A
Jointed	18	9	31	21
<b>Spring Barley</b>				
Seeded	46	28	35	43
Emerged	12	10	14	16
<b>Spring Wheat</b>				
Seeded	28	14	24	31
Emerged	5	3	11	10
<b>Corn</b>				
Planted	3	1	3	2
<b>Dry Onions</b>				
Planted	62	44	57	65
<b>Sugarbeets</b>				
Planted	26	13	35	42
<b>Summer Potatoes</b>				
Planted	17	11	22	27

## COLORADO CROP CONDITION RATINGS <sup>1/</sup>

Item	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
<b>Spring Wheat</b>	0	15	20	45	20
<b>Winter Wheat</b>	2	3	18	40	37

<sup>1/</sup> Crop condition ratings pertain to emerged plants early in the growing season through plants remaining to be harvested late in the season.

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